CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM
April 22 2010
MINUTES

Call to order
Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
all rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call
Present: Andy Mancini, Casey Picheco, Ken Marcucio, Stephanie D’Onofrio and Kim Kreiger, Martin Hubbard [arrived at 7:52 p.m.] and Ms. Gjata - student representative.

Also Present: Dr. Tracy, Superintendent of Schools, Fran Gallo - Principal of Irving School, Linda Coppola - Principal of Bradley School, Greg Gaillard - Principal of DHS, Sally Bonina - Principal of DMS and Joe Orazietti – Athletic Director.

Not Present: Laura Harris, Jodi Chevarella and Rebecca O’Hara.

Public Participation
Kathleen Slowik - 60 Chestnut Drive. Ms. Slowik wanted to know if ConnectEd is charged by a usage fee. This topic will be addressed in Dr. Tracy’s report.

Public Portion closed.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
There are two additions...recognition of a Bradley student to read an essay, and a motion.....that the Board of Education designate Pam Mangini, School Business Manager as an authorized signer for the farm ED099 agreement for nutrition programs.

MOTION to amend the agenda as recommended by the superintendent by Ms. Kreiger, second by Ms. Picheco , all in favor, motion carries.

Approval of Minutes
MOTION by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education approves the minutes from the following meetings, second by Ms. D’Onofrio, all in favor, motion carries.

Regular Meeting, March 18 2010
Special Meeting, March 16 2010
Special Meeting, March 23 2010, Student Matter
Special Meeting, March 23 2010, Legal Matter
Special Meeting, March 30 2010

Recognition of a Bradley Student to Read an Essay and New England Champion Cheerleaders.
Ms. Coppola introduced Joshua Montenegro a 6th grade essay winner. Joshua read his essay for the Board.

Mr. Orazietti, Athletic Director introduced the 2010 New England Champion Cheerleaders.
Student Representative Report
Ms. Gjata presented her report. Tickets for Grease will be on sale for Friday and Saturday night. The Business class went to their Financial Reality Fair on Wednesday to experience real world managing. The College Fair was held on April 8th. The Spanish Club trip was held in California during April vacation. The fourth marking period has started. The end of the year dates have been set and will be posted on the website next week.

Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Teaching & Learning - Mr. Mancini stated they discussed the ninth grade Science curriculum. They also discussed in Executive Session the coaching situation.

B. Committee on Budget, Personnel & Facilities - Ms. Kreiger stated they discussed the Financial Report for March 31st, there is a projected yearend balance of $50,000.00. They also went over the first exit interview, the schedule of Apportionment & Taxation meetings, an update of bargaining activities between the paraprofessional and nurse's union along with salary and benefit re-openers coming up with the secretaries, administrators and custodians. Dr. Tracy informed the committee Derby received notification from the Chief of Certification from the State of Connecticut, that Derby is in full compliance with the teacher's certification and Dr. Tracy and Ms. Mangini resolved a grievance with the custodial union without legal intervention.

C. Committee on Policy & Planning - The policy of athletes changing sports was discussed and will be presented at this meeting. There was a presentation by Mr. Saccu which will be presented at this meeting as well.

Administrator Reports
Ms. Bonina - Derby Middle School presented her report which included Words Alive Finale date of Monday April 26th. Mr. Saccu gave a presentation on drug prevention, the 5th and 6th graders will visit DMS.

Ms. Coppola - Bradley School. The mobile dentist was at the school, along with an author, the 5th and 6th graders will visit DMS. The students collected Drums for Troops; the students decorated drums, and the students and Dr. Tracy signed the drums and will be sent to Iraq and Afghanistan. Six boxes of books were sent to the Children's Hospital. Many DHS students were honored at the Valley United Way recognition.

Mr. Gallo - Irving School. The dance group for grades 4, 5 and 6 will be honored for their efforts by going to the Shubert. The 5th graders will be going to David Humphrey's house as part of a Historical Society visit. A group of teachers on their own time rewrote the protocol for the new teacher program. The school psychologist has been granted professional development to work in Switzerland during the summer.

Dr. Knapton - Special Education Director. Dr. Tracy spoke on behalf of Dr. Knapton who continues to manage the budget situation with regard to the out of district students.

Mr. Nardone - Facilities Manager. Mr. Nardone is not present. Dr. Tracy noted the trench will be filled within the next few days. There were phone difficulties at Irving and the Middle School. The switch over's to the new call tower internet protocol phones were completed. There should be no further problems. This summer all four schools and the administrative office will be on the internet based phone system.
Greg Gaillard - Derby High School. Mr. Gaillard stated senior prom will be held on Friday May 28th at Grassy Hill, the post prom party will be at the Sports Complex in Shelton from 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.. The PTO is still looking for volunteers for this event. The academic awards banquet will be June 3rd. The final exam schedule for seniors and underclassmen is set. Senior class night is June 15th, senior field day is June 16th, graduation rehearsals are set, and graduation is June 18th.

Superintendent’s Report

Grant Writing
Dr. Tracy introduced Valerie Knight DiGangi. Ms. DiGangi stated the 21st Technology grant was denied. The State Department of Education will provide the scores Derby received in order to modify the application for future submissions for other technology grants. The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven asked for a submission of a full application for a three year grant program for on-line credit recovery at DHS. The grant is for $135,000.00 spread out over a three year period. The Matthies Foundation application is due on May 1st. Ms. Migangi participated in an on-line bidders conference for a foundation which is a New England foundation interested providing district wide initiatives and student opportunities.

Residency Compliance
John Saccu addressed the board. Mr. Saccu is on the Mayor’s task force with fire, police, housing, education and the Corporation Counsel. They are working towards the goal of improving the quality of life. Mr. Saccu spoke on the residency issue. The objective of a residency coordinator is to ensure the safety and welfare of new student applicants coming into the Derby school district and ensure all residency requirements are met prior to starting school.

Dr. Tracy will construct a letter of understanding that identifies Mr. Saccu’s relationship with the board.

FY 2011 Budget
The board’s budget request was presented to the Board of Apportionment & Taxation. There will not be a second hearing night. Dr. Tracy presented an update of the budget adopted in March.

Use of ConnectEd System
There is a general annual fee. This was first portrayed to parents as a communication mechanism between the schools and the homes. Dr. Tracy was reluctant to open it up to non-school worthy functions. Dr. Tracy requests the policy committee to review this.

2010-2011 School and Bus Schedules
The schedule attempts to maintain the instruction of the day and avoid a substantial increase in transportation cost which has four different shifts. Additional costs would be incurred if there were a three tier instructional program. Ms. Kreiger feels they should look at alternative forms of transportation for VOAG students. This will be addressed at a special meeting.

Enrollment Report/ Attendance Report
The report is in the packet.

The Policy Committee will review the issue of field trip passes. The current policy doesn’t list out-of-state trips.

Commissioner of Education
Derby is on the watch list for racial imbalance for elementary schools.

**MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Hubbard that the Board of Education designate Pam Mangini, School Business Manager as an authorized signer for the form ED099 agreement for nutrition programs.

**MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education approve a class trip to Italy for the 10th, 11th and 12th grade students in the DHS Italian Class from the period of April 14 – 22 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent, Italian teachers G. Harrington and C. DiNallo will be chaperoning some 18 students, all in favor, **motion carries**.

**MOTION** by Ms. Picheco, with a second by Ms. D’Onofrio that the Board of Education approve a class trip to the New York Hall of Science on June 4, 2010 for the DHS Grade 12 students in Mr. Leszczynski’s class, all in favor, **motion passes**.

**MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. D’Onofrio that the Board of Education approve the new Science & Society 9th Grade Science Curriculum for Derby High School, as recommended by the Committee on Teaching and Learning, all in favor, **motion passes**.

**Financial Report**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Picheco that the Board of Education approve the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2010 as recommended by the Committee on Budget, Personnel & Facilities, second by Ms. Harris, all in favor, **motion passes**.

**Vacancy Report**

The Dean of Student Development at the Middle School position has been posted. The board will determine a selection advisory committee. There are also positions related to the alternative education program at the high school. Those positions are up in the air until the budget is adopted. There are also summer school positions open.

**Old Business**

Dr. Tracy received a letter in favor of the board’s decision to waive the facilities use fees for the annual Memorial Day Service from Bernard Williamson.

**New Business**

First Read: Proposed policy on Switching Sports
The board received the proposed policy and will vote on this at the next regular board meeting.

Discussion of Board Committee Structure and Schedule
This item will be deferred until the next full board meeting.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Hubbard that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:56 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, legal and collective bargaining matters, inviting the Superintendent, Mr. Orazietti, Ms. Coppola and Ms. Ferrara on behalf of the Derby Education Association, all in favor, **motion carries**.

**MOTION** by Ms. Picheco with a second by Ms. Kreiger that the Board of Education return to public session at 9:39 p.m. all in favor, **motion carries**.
Appointments
MOTION by Ms. Picheco with a second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education approve the Schedule of Appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, motion carries.

Adjourn
MOTION by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Ms. Picheco to adjourn at 9:40 p.m., all in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary

****These minutes are subject to approval by the Board of Education at their next scheduled meeting.